

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of CARNISHA OWENS, SAMIKA
MARLENE OWENS, PHOEBE SIAHEID
HARDEN, and KHADISHA SHAQUILLE
MARTIN, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

KATHERINE OWENS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LARRY MARTIN, ORIA AUSTIN, KENNY
WAYNE, ARTHUR SPRAGLING, ALEXANDER
VALENTINE, and TERRY HARDEN,

Respondents.

Before: Whitbeck, P.J., and McDonald and T. G. Hicks*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right a juvenile court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(a)(ii), (g) and (j). We affirm.

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

Respondent-appellant did not see her children for 2 years and then finally appeared within days of the formal termination of her parental rights. During that period she made no attempt to participate in the children's lives, and still, at such a late date, she did not request services available for her to reunite her with her children. The juvenile court did not clearly err in finding that §§ 19b(3)(a)(ii) and (g) were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Furthermore, only one statutory ground for termination is required. Respondent-appellant did not address the juvenile court's finding that termination of her parental rights was also warranted under § 19b(3)(j). Therefore respondent-appellant is not entitled to relief with regard to petitioner's burden of establishing a ground for termination under § 19b(3). *Cf. In re Powers*, 208 Mich App 582, 592-593; 528 NW2d 799 (1995); see also *Roberts & Son Contracting, Inc v North Oakland Development Corp*, 163 Mich App 109, 113; 413 NW2d 744 (1987) (failure to address an issue which necessarily must be reached precludes relief). Further, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the juvenile court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Gary R. McDonald

/s/ Timothy G. Hicks